

(vii) Need to have a uniform royalty norms for all upcoming hotel projects in the country

DR. SHRIMATI K.S. SOUNDARAM (Tiruchengode): Madam, the Committee headed by the hon. Finance Minister has relaxed the royalty norms relating to an NRI hotel chain project by way of dropping its insistence on a ceiling of three per cent on payment of franchise royalty. Instead, the NRI has been allowed to charge six per cent of the total investment of the franchise hotel as the know-how fee in the beginning, and twenty-two percent of the six per cent as service charges. The above charges are in addition to the payment of three per cent royalty of the gross room sales per year.

I would request the Central Government to apply the above relaxed royalty norms to all the other upcoming hotel projects in the country, as in the case of NRIs.

(viii) Need to fill up posts through nominations for SC/ST on Board of Public Sector Undertakings

SHRI G.M.C. BALAYOGI (Amalapuram): Madam, the Central Government has sent to all the State Governments a list of suitable SC/ST persons with their complete bio-data, who could be considered for nomination on the Board of public sector undertakings and the nationalised banks with a view to improve the representation of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe candidates in the services.

The hon. Prime Minister made a promise in the House that in view of the

centenary celebrations of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, all the vacant posts of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes would be filled in this year, but it has also not been done so far.

I, therefore, request the Central Government to fill up the vacant nominated posts for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes immediately.

(ix) Need to look into the functioning of railway wagon workshop at Ijzatnagar, Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh

[*Translation*]

SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR (Bareilly): Madam Chairman, the railway wagon workshop at Ijzatnagar under the North Eastern Railway, which undertakes repairs of engines and also manufactures cranes, is not functioning properly. Due to lack of adequate arrangements, this 80 years old and very important factory, which was praised for its efficient working in the past and saved a lot of foreign exchange is on the verge of closure. The number of workers in this factory has reduced by 1500 during the last 8 years and several costly imported machines are lying idle. The railway department at Bareilly has adequate place and other facilities. Due to this reason, there was a proposal earlier to set up a coach factory at this place.

So, I would request the hon. Minister of Railways to make efforts at the highest level and to take steps for improving the situation in this factory situated at Ijzatnagar (Bareilly), so that both the workers and the railway department could be benefited therefrom.